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1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which **are saved** it is the power of God.”

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1 Corinthians 1:21

“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the **foolishness of preaching** to save them that believe.”

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2 Corinthians 2:15

“For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that **are saved**, and in them that perish:“

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2 Corinthians 2:17

“For we are not as many, which **corrupt the word of God**: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.“

Romans 5:8

“But God **commendeth** his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

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“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the **foolishness of the message preached** to save those who believe.”

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2 Corinthians 2:15

“For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who **are being saved** and among those who are perishing“

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2 Corinthians 2:17

“For we are not, as so many, **peddling the word of God**; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.”

Romans 5:8

“But God **demonstrates** His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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Genesis 24:27

“And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put **the earring** upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.”

Ezra 8:36

“And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's **lieutenants**, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.”

Acts 17:22

“Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are **too superstitious**.”

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1 Thessalonians 5:22

“Abstain from all **appearance** of evil.”

Romans 4:6

“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness **without works**,”

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Genesis 24:27

“Then I asked her, and said, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ And she said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put **the nose ring** on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists.”

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“And they delivered the king’s orders to the king’s **satraps** and the governors in the region beyond the River. So they gave support to the people and the house of God.”

Acts 17:22

“Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are **very religious**;”

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“just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness **apart from works**:”

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Titus 3:10 “A man that is an **heretick** after the first and second admonition reject;”	Titus 3:10 “Reject a **divisive** man after the first and second admonition,”
1 Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is **the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”	1 Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is **a root of all kinds of evil**, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”
Matthew 7:14 “Because strait is the gate, and **narrow** is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”	Matthew 7:14 “Because narrow is the gate and **difficult** is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”
Hebrews 3:16 “For some, when they had heard, did provoke: **howbeit not all** that came out of Egypt by Moses.”	Hebrews 3:16 “For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, **was it not all** who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?”
Psalm 10:4-5 “**The wicked**, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. **His ways are always grievous**; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.”	Psalm 10:4-5 “**The wicked** in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts. **His ways are always prospering**; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.”

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Proverbs 18:8

“The words of a talebearer are as **wounds**, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:7

“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he** who now letteth will let, until **he** be taken out of the way.”

Romans 1:24-25

“Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who **changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

Genesis 2:18

“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help **meet for him**.”

John 1:3

“All things were **made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

New King James

Proverbs 18:8

“The words of a talebearer are like **tasty trifles**, And they go down into the inmost body.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:7

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He** who now restrains will do so until **He** is taken out of the way.”

Romans 1:24-25

“Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who **exchanged the truth of God for the lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

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“And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper **comparable to him**.”

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“All things were **made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

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2 Timothy 2:15

“**Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Matthew 20:20

“Then came to him the mother of Zebedee’s children with her sons, **worshipping him**, and desiring a certain thing of him.”

Acts 17:29

“Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that **the Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.”

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1 Timothy 6:5

“**Perverse disputings** of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that **gain is godliness**: from such withdraw thyself.”

Hebrews 2:16

“For verily **he took not on him the nature of angels**; but he **took on him** the seed of Abraham.”

New King James

2 Timothy 2:15

“**Be diligent** to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Matthew 20:20

“Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, **kneeling down** and asking something from Him.”

Acts 17:29

“Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that **the Divine Nature** is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.”

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“**useless wranglings** of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that **godliness is a means of gain**. From such withdraw yourself.”

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“For indeed **He does not give aid to angels,** but He does **give aid** to the seed of Abraham.”

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Hebrews 10:14

“For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that **are sanctified**.”

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1 Peter 1:7

“That the **trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

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2 Kings 23:7

“And he brake down the **houses** of the **sodomites**, that were **by the house of the Lord**, where the women wove hangings for the grove.”

Genesis 12:7

“And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land**: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:2

“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ is at hand**.”

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Hebrews 10:14

“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who **are being sanctified**.”

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1 Peter 1:7

“that the **genuineness of your faith**, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”

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2 Kings 23:7

“Then he tore down the **ritual booths** of the **perverted persons** that were **in the house of the Lord**, where the women wove hangings for the wooden image.”

Genesis 12:7

“Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, **To your descendants I will give this land**. And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:2

“not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though **the day of Christ had come**.”

Additional Removals

The New King James Version removes a total of **2,289** words from the New Testament, including a complete removal of the following words:

Jehovah, damnation, damnable, New Testament, devils.

It removes "Lord" **66** times, "repent" **44** times, "God" **51** times, "the blood" **23** times, "heaven" **50** times, and "hell" **22** times.

It Just Makes the Bible Easier to Read!

The NKJV uses the following words, many of which are not even in the King James Version:

aground, algum, allays, anise, antitype, arbitrate, armlets, austere, bdellium, beveled, birthstools, bittern, bleat, bray, burnished, butress, calamus, cassia, caulkers, chalcedony, chrysolite, chrysoprase, circumspect, cistern, citadel, citron, congealed, corban, coriander, crags, dandled, daubed, dappled, denarii, deride, despoiled, diadem, dilapidation, disrepute, dregs, drachmas, dropsy, dross, dryshod, eczema, edict, envoy, ephod, fallow, filly, flanges, furlongs, gad, garland, garrison, gaunt, hoopoe, itinerant, jackdaw, jubilation, mattock, mina, moorings, offal, offscouring, onager, pangs, paramours, parapet, penitents, phylacteries, pims, pinions, potentate, potsherd, poultice, praetorium, prattler, proconsul, prognosticators, pslatery, prow, quadrans, rampart, retinue, rivulets, satraps, scruples, sheol, shod, siegeworks, sistrums, skiff, tamarisk, terebinth, tetrarch, tresses, vassal, verdure, waifs, wend…

Are they easier to read?

It Just Gets Rid of the "Thee"s and the "Thou"s!

The KJV uses two categories of second-person pronouns: ones that start with "th" (thee, thou, thy, thyself…) and ones that start with "y" (ye, you, your, yourselves…). These do not mean the same thing. The original Hebrew and Greek languages of the Bible both have **singular** and **plural** second-person pronouns. Not wanting to lose this distinction in English, the King James Bible translators used "th" pronouns for singular and "y" pronouns for plural. That information is lost in the NKJV as well as other modern versions that just say "you." **This can drastically change the meaning of the text**. A major example can be found in Genesis 12:1-3.

KJV: "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and **I will bless thee**, and **make thy name great**; and **thou shalt be a blessing**: And **I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee**: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

NKJV: "Now the Lord had said to Abram: Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. **I will make you a great nation**; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. **I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you**; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Many churches today teach an erroneous doctrine that Christians should support the Christ-rejecting nation of Israel that was established in 1948. "We have to bless the Jews if we want God's blessing!" **The Bible does not teach this**. In Genesis 12, God says He will bless those who bless Abraham (singular "thee") and curse those who curse him. Some Christians have been duped into following a wicked political ideology known as zionism because of intentional twisting of this passage and others. The deception is made a lot easier without the singular pronoun that's preserved in the KJV. (Further reading: 2 Chronicles 19:2, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17, 2 John 1:9-11)

Impact of the Changes

1 Corinthians 1:18, 2:15 – KJV teaches that we **are saved** by putting our faith in Christ Jesus (once you're saved, you're always saved) while the NKJV changes it to **being saved** as if salvation is an ongoing process.

1 Corinthians 1:21 – Instead of preaching being foolishness to the unsaved, the NKJV says that the message being preached (the gospel) is foolishness.

2 Corinthians 2:17 – In the KJV we're told that there are many people corrupting the Word of God, while the NKJV says that there are many "peddling" (selling) it. Turns out the NKJV is doing both.

Romans 5:8 – KJV says that God **commendeth** His love (meaning He shows how much greater it is than anyone else's love) while the NKJV tones this down to just "demonstrates." A wonderful verse stripped of its impact.

Acts 17:22 – In the KJV Paul says that the people steeped in idolatry are "too superstitious" (clearly a bad thing) while the NKJV renders this as "very religious," almost as if it's a compliment. Completely different.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 – This verse teaches us that we should abstain from all **appearance** of evil, even if we're not actually sinning. The NKJV has changed this to "every **form** of evil" which is not the same message.

Romans 4:6 – Faith in Christ saves even when a person has no good works at all. Good works are not part of salvation nor necessary evidence of it. The NKJV makes the subtle change of "without works" becoming "apart from works" as if to say they're separate but both present. This is another attack on the gospel.

Titus 3:10 – Here we're told to reject heretics. In the NKJV we're told to reject "divisive" people. That's not the same thing. Jesus Christ Himself is a divisive man according to Luke 12:51. Should we reject Him?

Matthew 7:14 – Jesus says that the way to life is narrow, meaning He's the only way to heaven. In the NKJV, the way to life is instead "difficult." If you're teaching a works-based salvation, the NKJV fits that lie perfectly.

Hebrews 3:16 – The NKJV says the complete opposite of the original.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 – This verse refers to the antichrist in the end times, but the NKJV capitalizes "he" as if it's talking about God... So who do the editors of the NKJV actually worship?

2 Timothy 2:15 – A famous passage commanding us to study the Bible has been changed to remove "study." Don't study the NKJV too hard or you'll find problems like this.

Matthew 20:20 – A woman comes to Jesus, worshipping Him and asking for help. This is watered down to her just "kneeling down" in the NKJV to attack the fact that Jesus is God and is worthy of worship.

Acts 17:22 – Here we have a passage on the Godhead that the NKJV changes to the weird, spiritualist-sounding term "the Divine Nature."

2 Kings 23:7 – The KJV says that king Josiah broke down the houses of the sodomites (homosexuals) that were near the house of the Lord. To be more politically correct and less offensive, the NKJV changes this to the "ritual booths" of the much more generic "perverted persons."

Psalm 10:4-5 – This psalm says that the ways of the wicked are always grievous. In the NKJV, the ways of the wicked are always "prospering."

Proverbs 18:8 – The words of a talebearer are as wounds (clearly a bad thing) while the NKJV says they're "like tasty trifles." Very bizarre.

Genesis 2:18 – God created the woman to be a helper for the man, "meet" (appropriate) for him. The NKJV changes this to be more egalitarian and politically correct: "comparable to him."

Genesis 1:1 – Corruption in the very first verse of the Bible: The KJV says God created the heaven (singular) and the earth. The NKJV changes it to "heavens" which creates a contradiction between verse 1 and verse 8.

Hebrews 10:14 – Another example of changing salvation into a process.

Romans 1:28-32 – The latter half of this chapter describes a group of men and women who knew the truth about God but rejected Him and instead worshipped idols. Because of this, God gives them over to a **reprobate** mind. The word reprobate means "rejected." In this case they were rejected by God. The NKJV changes this phrase to "a debased mind" (reducing the finality of what took place in their souls) along with softening the language about the resulting homosexuality.

Genesis 12:7 – In this passage God promises to give the land to Abraham's seed. Who is that? Galatians 3:16 explains: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. **He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one**, **And to thy seed, which is Christ**." The seed to whom that promise was made is Jesus, not the unbelieving Jews that occupy the land today. The NKJV changes "seed" (singular) to "descendants" (plural) to promote the agenda that God gave the land to the Jews regardless of their beliefs. **This is not biblical.** The NKJV's change also now creates a contradiction between the two verses. (Further reading: 1 Kings 9:4-9, Romans 9:6-8)

2 Thessalonians 2:2 – Paul warns about those who would try to deceive us by saying the rapture is **at hand** (that it's about to happen at any moment). The NKJV changes "at hand" to "had come" (that it **already happened**). This chapter explains that a fake Messiah called the antichrist will appear **before** the rapture. Many will be fooled into accepting him as the second coming of Christ because today's preachers are constantly telling them "Jesus could come back any day now!" It's the same deception.

Footnotes

The NKJV includes footnotes on some pages, claiming that certain Bible verses **probably shouldn't be there** or **should say something different**. This can cause doubt in the mind of the reader: Do you really have the inspired, preserved Word of God, or not? These notes can be especially bad in places like Daniel 3:25 where it gives an alternate translation of the text: The verse says **"the Son of God**," but the note says "**or a son of the gods**." Another example can be found in 1 John 5:7, arguably the clearest verse on the Trinity, where the note casts doubt on whether most of what's written there is even real or if it was fraudulently added in later on.

Conclusion

The devil has been trying to corrupt the Word of God since the garden of Eden. We see in Paul's epistles (assuming you're reading a KJV, that is) that many were creating fake Scriptures back in his day too. All the modern perversions of the Bible (NIV, ESV, NLT, RSV…) are continuing this trend. Many Christians already know how bad those are, but seem to give the so-called New King James Version a pass. Hopefully now you've seen that it's just as bad as all the other fake Bibles out there.

Additional Resources

"The Preserved Bible" documentary

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